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# SNOW SURVEY and WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS for MONTANA & NORTHERN WYOMING

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To Recipients of Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast Reports:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Fortunately, most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from fore-knowledge of the runoff.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, about 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

By relating snow survey measurements taken over a period of years to spring-summer runoff during the same period, relationships have been developed which make it possible to forecast seasonal runoff several months in advance of occurrence. In order to make a forecast, once a forecast relationship has been developed, the maximum snow water content at previously selected key snow courses is usually entered in the forecast relationship. More accurate forecasts are often obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast relationships.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions.

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SNOW SURVEYS and WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

For

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING

(Upper Missouri and Upper Columbia River Basins)

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#### MONTANA WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK as of February 1, 1961

The present water supply outlook for Montana is poor. The February first snow-pack is considerably below average and generally less than last year by 20 to 50 percent.

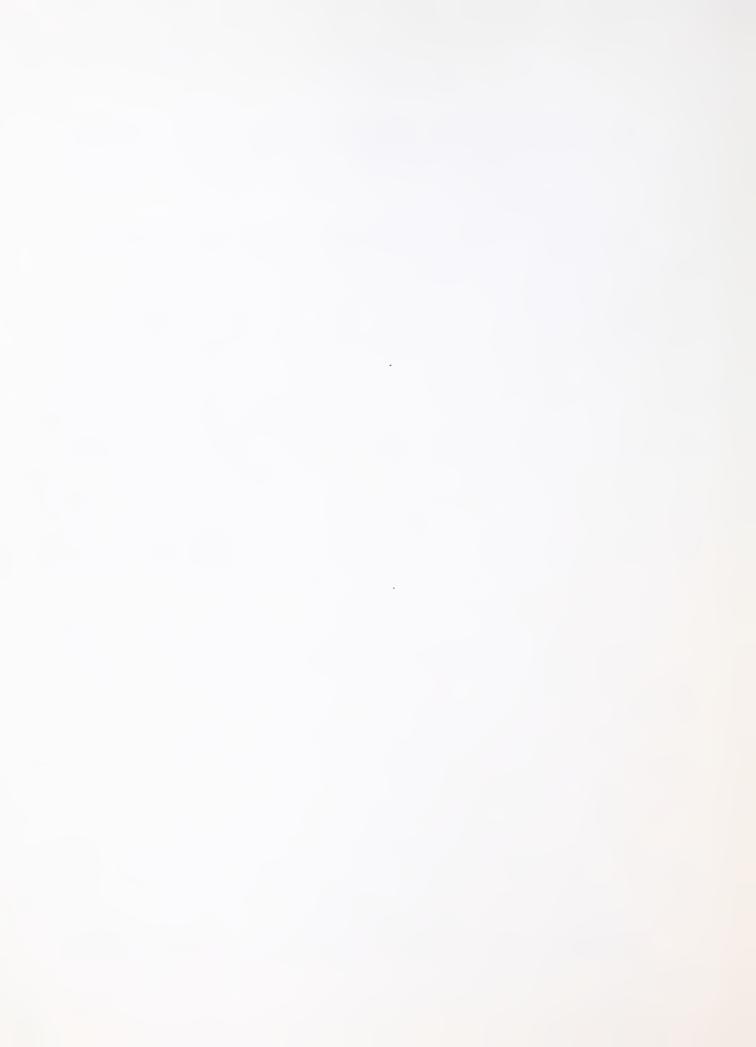
If moisture conditions do not improve through the remainder of the snow season, the water supply in many areas will be very critical during the irrigation season. Farmers who depend upon natural streamflow for irrigation should give serious consideration to planting early maturing crops, such as small grains, that require less water than later maturing crops. Good water management and proper application will be necessary in most areas to obtain the most beneficial use of a limited water supply.

In the Missouri River Drainage, the Madison-Gallatin River basin snow-pack is 115 percent of last February, but only 66 percent average. In the Yellowstone River basin it is 110 percent of last February and 67 percent of the February average. The Beaverhead-Jefferson River basin is covered with a snow-pack which is 80 percent of last year and 49 percent average.

In the Columbia River Drainage in Montana, the outlook is not much better. Comparison with last year on the Kootenai River above Libby indicates a 9 percent better supply than last year, but 6 percent less than average. In the Flathead and Clark Fork River basins, the snow-pack is 20 percent less than last year and only 67 percent of average.

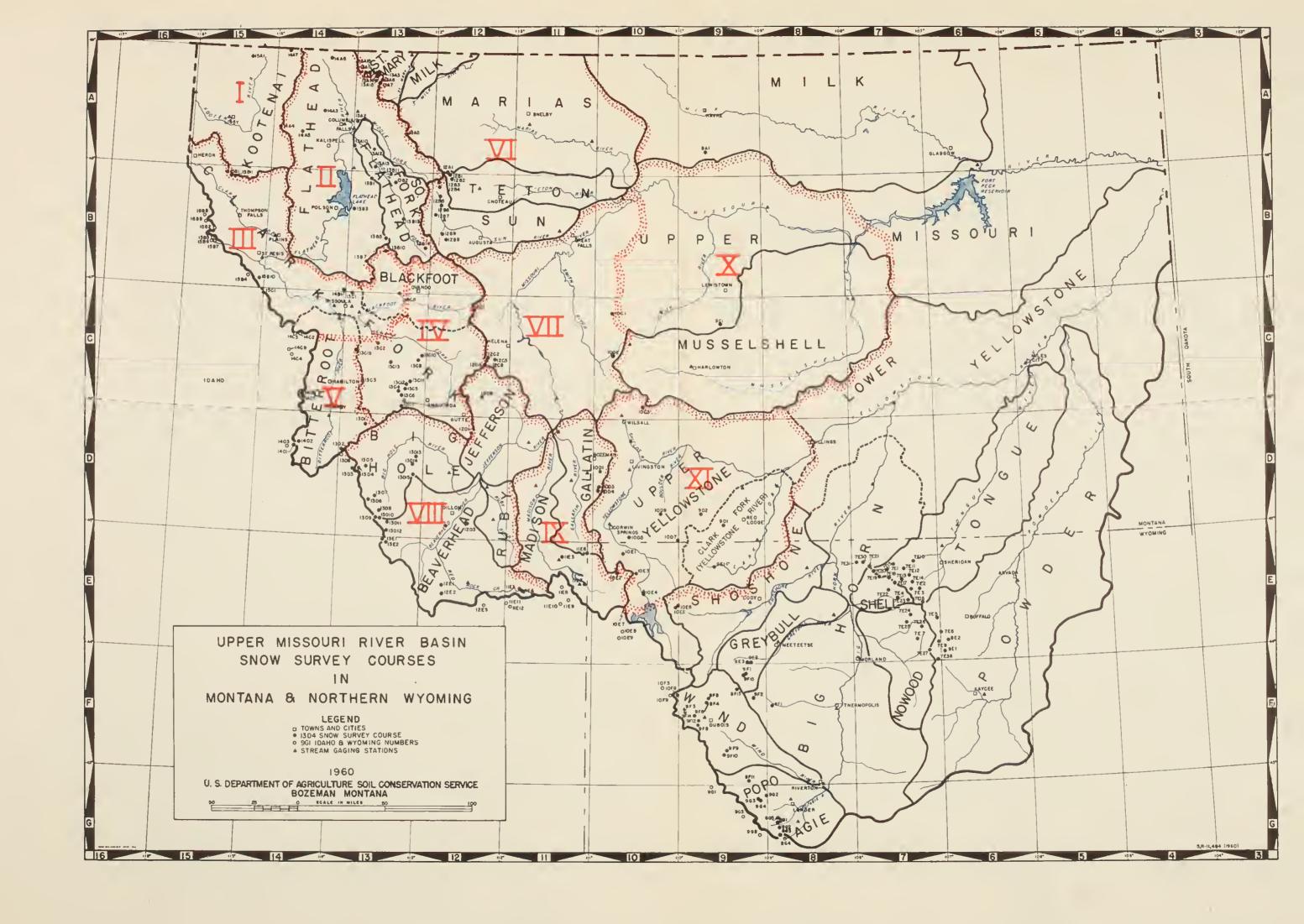
The deficient moisture condition in the soil underlying the snow-pack will have a great effect on this year's streamflow, producing less runoff than would normally be expected from an equivalent snow-pack.

Irrigation reservoir storage is generally below average throughout Montana.



# INDEX TO MONTANA & NORTHERN WYOMING SNOW COURSES

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(ROCK-BEAVERH	(EAD)								(UPPER YELLOW	STONE)								(TONGUE RIVER	cont.)							
Lakeview Ridge Lakeview Canyon Limekiln White Pine Ridge	11E3 11E4 12E2 12E1	7400 6930 6950 8850	27 26 5 18	148 148 158 148	2W 2W 9W 9W	1948 1948 1948 1948	3,4,5 3,4,5 3,4 3,4	10 10 1	Camp Senia Canyon Cooke City Crevice Mt.	9D1 10E3 10D7 10D5	7890 7750 7400 8400	25 144.0-1417.4 5	8S 9S 9S	18E 110°-30 14E 9E	1937 1935	1,2,3,4,5 1,2,3,4,5 3,4	1 6 6 2	Horse Trail Div. Lake Oeneva North Tongue Sibley Lake	7E19 7E16 7E15 7E11	9200 9000 8800 8000	29 7 17 10	55N 52N 55N 55N	90W 86W 89W 88W	1956 1956 1956 1956	2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5	1 1 1
(HORSE PRAIRI	ᢓ)								Independence Lake Camp	10D6 10E4	8000 7850	75 77 77	78	12E 110°-24		3,4 1,2,3,4,5	1 6	Sucker Creek Steamboat Point	7E12 7E10	9000 7500	19 32	55N 56N	87W 87W	1956 1956	2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5	1
Bloody Dick Gold Stone Lemhi Pass Terrell Creek Trail Creek	13010 1309 13E1 13012 13E2	7600 8100 7480 6650 7090	12 11 9 14 15	8S 8S 10S 9S 10S	16W 16W 15W 15W 15W	1948 1948 1948 1948 1948	3,4 3,4 3,4 3,4 3,4	1 1 1 1 1	Lupine Creek Lodgepole West Rosebud (SHIELDS RIVER Porcupine	10E1 9E1 9D2	7300 8200 7500	32 10	56N 78	110°-37° 106W 16E	1938 1940 1960	1,2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 1,2,3,4,5	6 1,4 4	Wood Rock O.S.  (POWDER RIVER)  Crazy Woman Muddy Creek O.S.	7E13 Wyoming 6E2 6E1	8200 7800	6	SUN LITH LIBN	88W 8LN 8LN	1956 1956 1956	2,3,4,5	1
Gelway Junction (BIO HOLE)	13011	6800	27	88	15W	1948	3,1	ī	LOWER YELLOWSTONE	1007	0,00	20	441	200	1/30	2)4	-	Munkere Pass North Powder #2 Onion Gulch	7E8 7E36 7E27	9700 8300 8100	11 20 31	18n 17n 18n	85W 85W 85W	1950 1956 1956	2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5	1 1 1
Big Hole Pass Big Hole Pass-Be.	1303 1304	7240 6900	28 24	38 38	18W 18W	1948	3,4	1	(WIND RIVER)		00		1					Soldier Park Sour Dough	7E5 7E6	8700 8500	36 17	SIN 49N	85W 84W	1950 1936	2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5	1
East Boundary Cibbons Pass Jahnke Creek Miner Forks Miner Lake	1305 1302 1308 1306 1307	6700 7100 7340 7300 6720	22 4 25 24 10	35 25 75 65	17W 19W 16W 17W 16W	1948 1948 1934 1948 1948	3,4 3,4 1,2,3,4,5 3,4 3,4 3,4,5	1 1,3 1 1	Big Warm Brooke Lake #3 Burroughs Creek Dinwoodie Ory Creek DuNoir	9F12 10F8 9F4 9F10 9F9 9F6	8800 9200 8800 10000 9500 8750	36 23 15 21 34 27	75H 73H 73H 77H 77H 75H	109W 110W 107W 105W 6W 108W	1955 1939 1948 1948 1948 1940	2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5	1 1 1 1 1	KOOTENAI RIVER	15B11	<u>COLU</u> 5500	MBIA RI	/ER BASI)	30W	1956	4,5,5	2
(WISE RIVER)						-,-,	2,4,2	-	East Fork Geyser Creek	9F13 9F7	9200 8500	23	אידון איזוין	104W	1956 1948	2,3,4,5	i	Baree Mountain Red Mountain	15B1 15A1	6000 6000	1 4	25N 36N	31W 29W	1937 1937	4,5,5 <u>5</u> 4,5,5 <u>5</u> 3,4,5,5 <u>5</u>	5
Anderson Mdw. Elk Horn Wise River	13014 13015 13013	7000 8450 6300	18 15 15	3S 4S 2S	12W 12W 12W	1948 1935 1948	3,4 3,4,5 3,4	1 3 1	Little Warm Sheridan R.S. #1 Sheridan R.S. #2 T-Cross Ranch	9F8 9F5 9F14 9F3	9500 7500 7500 8000	24 3 3 1	73N 73N 73N	108W 109W 109W 107W	1948 1939 1955 1940	2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5	1 1 1 1	Weasel Oivide  FLATHEAD RIVER Basin Creek	14A7 138II4	5450 5000	11	37N 19N	24W	1955	4,5,5) 2,3,4,5	
(RUBY RIVER)									Togwotee Pass  (POPO AOIE RI	10F9 (ER) Wyom	9600	29	ΠŢŢ	170M	1936	2,3,4,5	n	Big Creek Brush Creek	13B3 14A4 13A1	6750 5000 4700	6&7 13	22N 30N 35N	18W 26W 17W	1941 1937 1939	3,4,5 3,4,5 3,4,5	1,2
Flashlight	1203	6950	22	88	7₩	1945	3,4,5	1	Blue Ridge	802	9500	23	31N	101W	1939	2,3,4,5	1	Cattle Queen Oesert Mountain Hell Roaring Oiv.	13A2H 1LA3	5600 5770	24 35	31N 32N	19W 22W	1937	1,2,3,4,5	1,2
MADISON RIVER									Bruce's Camp Hobb's Park	903	6500 10000	24 22	32N 2S	101W 3W	1955 1948	2,3,4,5	1	Holbrook Kishenehn	13B13A 14A6	4530 3886	18 14	21N 37N	13W 22W	1951 1954	1,2,3,4,5	6
Hebjen West Yellowstone	11E5 11E7	6550 6700	22 34	115 135	3E SE	1934 1934	1,2,3,4,5	3	Mosquito Park R.S Sawmill Glade South Pass	. 9GL 801 803	9500 8500 9000	23 3 13	25 31N 30N	3W 101W 101W	1940 1939 1939	2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5	1	Logan Creek Marias Pass Hineral Creek	14A5 13A5M 13A16	4300 5250 4000	34 34 29	30N 30N 35N	14W 17W	1937 1934 1957	3,4,5 1,2,3,4,5	3
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									(OWL CREEK) W									Strawberry Lake Trinkus Lake	13A10 13B1	6500 6500	17	28N 25N	19W 17W	1948 1948	3,4,5 3,4,5	2
GALLATIN RIVER									Baavers Mill Owl Creek	9F2 8F1	8900 8 <b>70</b> 0	36	13N	102W 101W	1948 1948	2,3,4,5	1	Trout Lake Twin Creeks	13A12M 13B11	3600 3580	21 14 28	28N 26N	17W 16W 16W	1948 1951	3,4,5 2,3,4,5	1,2
Devil's Slide Hood Meadow	10D3	8100 6600	1h	5S 4S	6E 6E	1935 1935	2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5	2,1	(GREYBULL RIVI	ER) Wyomin	3							Upper Holland Lk. CLARK FORK	13B5	7000	20	20N	TOM	1948	3,4,5	2
New World 21-Mile	1001 11E6	6700 7150	24	38 118	6E SE	1939 1934	1,2,3,4,5	7	Timber Creek #1 Timber Creek #2 Wood River #1	9E2 9E3 9F1	8800 8800	25- 25 28	47N 47N	103W 103W	1948 1955	2,3,4,5	1	Baree Creek Baree Mountain	15B11 15B1	5500 6000	6	25N 25N	30W 31W	1956 1937	4,5,5 4,5,5	2
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Chessman Recervoir Crystal Lake		6200	2	8N	5W	1936	1,2,3,4,5	3	(SHOSHONE RIV		3		,					Fred Burr Pess Freezeout Summit	13011	8000	12	6N 15N	13W 27W	1957 1937	3,4,5 2,4	1 2
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Picnic Grounds Pipestone Pass	1206 12D1	6500 7200	10 10	5N 1N	6W 7W	1941 1938	2,3,4,5	1	(NOWOOO CREEK)	Wyoming								Intergaard Lubrecht Forest #6 North Fork Jocko	13C4 13C8 13B7	6330 所00 6720	11	5N 14N 17N	13W 15W 17W	1936 1951 1941	2,3,4 1,2,3,4,5 3,4,5	12
Stemple Pass Ten Mile Creek L Ten Mile Creek M	1201 1202 1203	6900 6 <b>250</b> 6800	16 13	13N 8N 8N	7W 6W	1934 1935	3,4,5	3	Cold Springs Camp Medicine Lodge Lk:	7824	8700 9500	7	50N 51N	88W 87W	1956 1956	2,3,4,5	1	Pipestone Pass Red Lion	1201	72 00 7000	10 27	IN 6N	7₩ 13₩	1938 1958	2,3,4,5 3,4,5	1
Ten Mile Creek U	1204	8000	13 19	8N	6W 5W	1934 1935	1,2,3,4,5	3	Munkere Pass North Powder Onion Gulch	7E8 7E36	9700 8300 8100	20	48n 47n 48n	85W 85W	1950 1956	2,3,4,5	1	Slide Rock Mt. Southern Croes	1302	7100 6500	35 8	10N 5N	16W 13W	1937 1936	2,3,4	1 4
(TETON RIVER)									Tensleep Lake Tensleep R.S.	7E27 7E26 7E7	9075 8300	31 33 30	50N 49N	85W 86W 86W	1956 1956 1935	2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5	1 1	Stemple Pass Storm Lake Stuart Mill	1201 1307 1306	6900 7780 6500	16 19 19	13N Цн 5N	7W 13W 13W	1934 1939 1936	3,4,5 2,3,4 2,3,4	3 1
Freight Creek Waldron Greek West Fork	12A1 12B2 12B1	6000 5600 6000	13 16 6	26N 25N 25N	10W 9W 9W	1948 1948 1948	3,4 3,4 3,4	1	Tyrell R.S.	7E35	8300	30	49N	86W	1956	2,3,4,5	ī	Stuart Mountain TV Mountain	13C1 14B1	7400 6800	6	14n 15n	18W 19W	1936 1956	1,2,3,4,5	1,2
(SUN RIVER)		5555	Ŭ	2,31	/"	1740	2,4	1	(SHELL CREEK) Bald Mountain	Wyoming 7E21	9600	33	56N	91W	1956	2,3,4,5	,	BITTEPPOOT RIVER	13016	6475	28	9N	18W	1960	3,4,5	1
Benchmark Cabin Creek	1288 1286	5500	9	20N	10W	1948	3,4	1	Beaver-Tongue Div Bone-Spring Div.		9200 9200	12 32	55N 55N	91W 89W	1956 1956	2,3,4,5	1	East Fork R.S. Gibbons Pass Tolo Pass	13D1 13D2 14C5	5400 7100	16 L	2N 2S	17W 19W	1937 1934	1,2,3,4,5	1 3,1
5=Bull Oates Park	12B9 12B5	5400 5600 5300	33 36 31	23N 20N 24N	10W 10W 10W	1949 1948 1949	3, lı 3, lı 3, lı 3, lı	1,2	Granite Creek Camp Oranite Pass	7517	7800 8950	15 19	53N 54N	89W 88W	1956 1956	2,3,4,5	1	Lost Horee Nez Perce Cemp	1407	5230 5940 5580	16 5 19&20	38n LN LS	15E 23W 23W	1956 1960 1937	3,4,5,5} 3,4,5 3,4,5	1
Gost Mountain Wrong Ridge	12B7 12B3	7000 6800	20 17	22N 25N	10W 10W	1934 1949	3,4	1,2 3 1,2	Horse-Trail Div. Ranger Creek Shell Creek	7E19 7E4 7E23	9200 8800 9600	29 32 12	55N 53N 52N	90W 88W 88W	1956 1935	2,3,4,5	1	"ez Ferce Pass Powell R.S.	1401 1406	6575 4230	32 33	2 BN 37N	17E 14E	1956	3,4,5 1,2,3,4,42,5, 3,4,5,5	5½ 1 2
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(MARIAS RIVER)  Marias Pass	) 13A5M	5250	34	30N	3¼W	2021			Five Spge. Falls	7E31	7500	19	56N	92 W	1956	2,3,4,5	1	ST. MARY RIVER Iceberg Lake #3	13A3		L80-50	RIVER BAS	<u>:IN</u> :3°=4;3 :	1922	5	
(MILK RIVER)	1,2-1,11	72,50	54	NOC	777.44	1934	1,2,3,4,5	3	Medicine Wheel	7E30	9000	24	56N	92W	1956	2,3,4,5	1	Josephine Upper Josephine Lower #9	13A15	5000	48°-50°	11	13°=1;2 ° 13°=1;1 °	1956	5	3,9
Rocky Boy	941	5200	15	28N	16E	1941	3,4	7	(TONGUE RIVER) Beaver Tongue Div		9200	12	55N	91W	1956	2,3,4,5	1	Mount Allen #7 Piegan #6	13A7 13A6	5700 5500	480-461	11	130-717;	1922 1922	5	3,9 3,9
(MUSSELSHELL RI	(VER)								Big Goose #1 Big Goose #2	7E2 7E32	7700 7700	<u>ц</u>	53N 53N	86W 86W	1935 1955	2,3,4,5	1	Ptarmigan #8	13A8	5800	48°-50;	11	130-444 6	1937	5	3,9
Orasshopper	1002	7000	19	9н	8E	1938	3,4	2	Bone-Spring Div. Burgess R.S. #1 Burgess R.S. #2	7E16 7E1 7E33	9200 7900 7900	<b>32</b> 36 36	55N 56N 56N	89₩ 89₩ 89₩	1956 1950	2,3,4,5 2,3,4,5	1	a. Numerale 1,2,3	,4 and 5	refer to J	January .	l, Februs	ary 1, H	arch 1,	ipril 1 and Ma	y 1.
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## COMPARISON OF SNOW COVER WITH THAT OF PREVIOUS YEARS

Summary of Snow Survey Data by Tributary Watersheds February 1, 1961

TRIBUTARY WATERSHED	No. of Courses	No. Years	Expressed a	Water Equivalent as Percent of	
	Averaged	Used	1960	1943-57 Average	
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Kootenai above Libby	8	7-15	109	94	
Flathead	8	5-15	73	65	
Clark Fork	13	5-15	87	68	
Bitterroot	2	9-14	107	70	
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Marias, Teton & Sun	1	15	82	68	
Missouri Main Stem	4	15	54	49	
Beaverhead-Jefferson	11	5-15	80	61	
Madison-Gallatin	10	4-15	115	. 66	
Upper Yellowstone	<b>1</b> 1	4-13	110	67	



#### MONTANA SNOW SURVEYS ABOUT FEBRUARY 1, 1961

MISSOURI DRAINAGE

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			Date	Snow	Water	and the second s	ntent (In.)	Years				
	Snow Course		of		Content	Last	15-Year	Record				
No.	Name	Elev.	Survey	(In.)	(In.)	Year	Average	Used in				
							1943-57	Average				
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DEAVER	HEAD-JEFFERSON BASI	. <u>N</u>	1									
12E3	Camp Creek	6800	1/30	16	3.4	4.5	7.0	15				
1205	Chessman Res.	6200	1/27	4	0.8	3.0	3.4	15				
13D2	Gibbons Pass	7100	1/30	41	11.4	9.8	16.4*	14				
11E12	Kîlgore	6200	1/29	18	3.9	5.1	7.2	15				
13D16	Moose Creek	6200	1/30	31	7.6	8.0	10.7	9				
1206	Picnic Grounds	6500	2/1	11	1.7	1.7	3.5*	13				
12D1	Pipestone Pass	7200	1/30	11	2.8	4.2	3.2*	14				
1307	Storm Lake	7780	1/27	26	7.0	6.6	8.4*	5				
1202	Tenmile, Lower	6250	1/29	15	2.9	5.1	5.1	15				
1203	Tenmile, Middle	6800	1/28	18	4.1	6.7	7.4	15				
1304	Tenmile, Upper	8000	1/29	20	4.7	8.2	9.4	15				
MADISO	N-GALLATIN BASIN											
11E9	Big Springs	6500	1/29	30	8.8	5.6	14.5	15				
10D4	Devil's Slide	8100	1/31	33	9.2	13.4	11.9*	4				
11E5	Hebgen	6550	1/30	24	5.7	4.8	8.6	15				
10D3	Hood Meadow	6600	1/30	18	4.3	4.4	4.5*	4				
11E10	Island Park	6315	1/29	26	7.0	4.8	11.3	15				
10D1	New World	6700	1/28	21	5.5	5.5	6.8*	10				
10E2	Norris Basin	7500	1/31	21	4.7	3.8	7.7%	8				
11E6	Twenty-One Mile	7150	1/30	29	7.8	5.4	13.0	15				
11E8	Valley View	6500	1/29	23	5.8	4.4	9.1*	11				
11E7	West Yellowstone	6700	1/30	21	4.9	3.3	8.8	15				
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1205	Chessman Res.	6200	1/27	4	0.8	3.0	3.4	15				
1202	Tenmile, Lower	6250	1/29	15	2.9	5.1		15				
1303	Tenmile, Middle	6800	1/28	18	4.1	6.7	. ,	15				
1204	Tenmile, Upper	8000	1/28	20	4.7	8.2		15				
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MARIAS	. TETON & SUN BASIN						physics in a contract of					
13A5M	Marias Pass	5250	1/31	36	8.8	10.7	13.0	15				
					Y males							

<sup>\*</sup>Average for years of record shown in 1943-57 base period.



#### WYOMING SNOW SURVEYS ABOUT FEBRUARY 1, 1961

					rmation		Record	
No.	Snow Course Name	Elev.	Date of Survey	Snow Depth (In.)	Water Content (In.)	Water Con Last Year	tent (In.) 15-Year Average 1943-57	Years Record Used in Average
UPPER	YELLOWSTONE BASIN							
10E3 10D7 10D4 10E6 10D3 10E4 9E1 10E1 10D1 10E2 10E5 10E7	Canyon Cooke City Devil's Slide East Entrance Hood Meadow Lake Camp #1 Lodgepole Lupine Creek New World Norris Basin Sylvan Pass Thumb Divide	7500 7400 8100 7000 6600 7850 8200 7200 6700 7500 7100 7900	1/31 2/1 1/31 2/4 1/30 1/31 1/30 1/31 1/28 1/31 2/4 1/30	31 23 33 29 18 21 22 21 21 21 32 32	6.02 4.37 8.95 4.33 4.545 8.45 8.45	3.9 2.8 13.4 3.5 4.9 3.8 5.8 5.8 4.0 7.0	9.4** 6.2** 11.9** 8.7** 4.5** 7.1** 7.2** 6.8** 70.2** 15.5**	13 11 4 9 4 10 - 12 10 8 14 14
LOWER	YELLOWSTONE - WIND	RIVER						
9F12 9F4 9F10 9F17 9F9 9F6 9F7 9F8 9F14 9F3 #10F9 9G7	Big Warm Burrough Creek Dinwoodie Dinwoodie Glaciers Dry Creek DuNoir Geyser Creek Little Warm Sheridan R.S. #2 T-Cross Ranch Togwotee Pass Twenty Lakes	9500 8750 8500 9500 7500 8000 9600	1/27 1/29 1/30 1/24 1/30 1/27 1/28 1/28 1/27 1/29 2/1 1/24	19 21 20 10 11 13 12 29 16 11 54	4.2 5.1 4.7 3.0E 2.5 2.7 2.2 7.2 2.7 2.4 15.3 2.0E	2.9 3.8 7.0 7.0E 2.5 2.2 2.0 7.9 2.3 14.4 3.0E	5.2** 11.0** 8.4** 4.5** 6.1* 5.3** 11.8** 4.2** 5.5 20.6	5 11 11 15 11 10 5 15 15
BG2	YELLOWSTONE - POPO Blue Ridge	9500	1/23	15	4.1	5.0	8.5*	14
8G5 9G3 9G4 8G1 # 8G3 9F11 9G2 9G7	Bruce's Camp Hobbs Park Mosquito Park RS Sawmill Glade South Pass St. Lawrence R.S. Trout Creek Twenty Lakes	6500 10000 9500 8500 9000	1/24 2/1 2/1 1/24 1/23 1/31 2/1 1/24	10 27 11 16 21 10 12 8	1.6 8.0 2.4 3.3 4.2 2.6 2.1 2.0E	7.6 7.6 4.1 4.4 5.2 2.4 3.1 3.0E	1.5** 12.0** 5.5* 5.5 10.3 4.6* 3.4**	5 11 14 15 15 14 11

<sup>\*\*</sup>Average of all past data. - #Adjacent drainage.

\*Average for years of record shown in 1943-57 base period.

E Estimated water content.



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					mation	Past Record			
No.	Snow Course Name	Elev.	Date of Survey	Snow	Water Content (In.)		tent (In.) 15-Year	Years Record Used in	
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LOWER	YELLOWSTONE - GREYN	BULL RIV	ER						
#9F19 8F1	Kirwin Owl Creek	10000 8700	1/24 2/2	8 20	2.0E 4.3	5.0E 2.9	- 3.7**	10	
LOWER	YELLOWSTONE - SHOSE	HONE RIV	ER						
#10E6 9E5 #10E5 10F9 9F18	East Entrance Ishawooa Cone Sylvan Pass Togwotee Pass Younts Peak	7000 9200 7100 9600 8500	2/4 1/24 2/4 2/1 1/24	29 31 32 54 20	5.4 8.5 5.7 15.3 4.0	3.5 - 4.1 14.4 -	8.7** - 10.2** 20.6	9 14 15	
LOWER	YELLOWSTONE - OWL C	CREEK							
8F1	Owl Creek	8700	2/2	20	4.3	2.9	3.7**	10	
LOWER	YELLOWSTONE - NOWOO	DD CREEK		İ					
7E25 7E24 # 7E8 #7E27 7E26 7E7 7E35	Cold Springs Camp Medicine Lodge Lks Munkres Pass Onion Gulch W. Tensleep Lake Tensleep R.S. Tyrell R.S.	8700 9500 9700 8100 9075 8300 8300	2/3 2/3 2/1 2/1 1/25 2/1 2/1	16 23 18 19 18 19 20	3.5 4.8 3.5 4.3 4.0 4.2 4.1	6.5 9.2 8.8 7.6 9.1 7.5 7.7	-	00% 00% 00% 00% 00% 00%	
LOWER	YELLOWSTONE - SHELI	CREEK		1					
7E21 #7320 #7E18 7E22 #7E17 7E4 7E23	Bald Mountain Beaver-Tongue Div. Bone-Spring Div. Granite Cr. Camp Granite Pass Ranger Creek Shell Creek	9600 9200 9200 7800 8950 8800 9600	1/25 1/25 1/25 2/4 1/27 2/4 1/25	39 39 22 9 32 20 27	11.4 10.9 4.5E 1.9 8.6 4.3 6.0	17.3 17.3 13.4 4.1 12.9 7.8 11.3	1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 100	9000 9000 9000 9000 9000 9000 9000	

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No.	Snow Course Name	Elev.	Date of Survey	Snow	Water Content (In.)		Record Itent (In.) 15-Year Average 1943-57	Years Record Used in Average
LOWER	YELLOWSTONE - PORCU	PINE CR	EEK					
7E31 7E30	Five-Springs Falls Medicine Wheel	7500 9000	1/31 1/25	13 31	3.2 8.4	8.5 16.3	465) Ann	-
LOWER	YELLOWSTONE - TONGU	E RIVER						
7E20 7E32 7E18 7E33 7E34 7E14 #7E17 7E15 7E11 7E10 7E12 7E13	Beaver-Tongue Div. Big Goose #2 Bone-Spring Div. Burgess R.S. #2 Dome Lake #2 Gloom Creek Granite Pass North Tongue Sibley Lake Steamboat Point Sucker Creek Wood Rock G.S.	9200 7700 9200 7900 8800 9300 8950 8800 8000 7500 9000 8500	1/25 1/30 1/25 1/26 1/25 1/27 1/26 1/27 1/27 1/27 1/27	39 15 22 16 14 22 32 25 22 13 21 22	10.9 2.9 4.5E 3.5 3.0E 4.5E 8.6 5.7 4.9 2.7 4.5E 4.4	17.3 5.9 13.4 7.0 7.5 10.3 12.9 11.0 8.6 6.3 10.2 8.5		
LOWER	YELLOWSTONE - POWDE	R RIVER						
#7E28 # 7E8 #7E27 7E5 7E6	Muddy Creek G.S. Munkres Pass Onion Gulch Soldier Park Sour Dough	7500 9700 8100 8700 8500	1/31 2/1 2/1 1/31 1/31	8 18 19 9 8	1.7 3.5 4.3 1.8 1.7	3.9 8.8 7.6 4.6 5.5	2.9**	- - 7 -

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# Adjacent drainage.
E Estimated water content.



## MONTANA SNOW SURVEYS ABOUT FEBRUARY 1, 1961

COLUMBIA DRAINAGE

	COLUMBIA DRAINAGE  Current Information   Past Record												
	- Walter School Control Contro						Record	branca commissioner Westermeltonomista redormana a date					
	0		Date	Snow	Water		tent (In.)	Years					
No.	Snow Course Name	Elev.	of Survey	Depth (In.)	Content (In.)	Last Year	15-Year Average 1943-57	Record Used in Average					
KOOTENAI	BASIN						4						
Can. 10 Can. 12A Can. 43 Can. 33 Can. 32 Can. 10A Can. 8A Can. 20A FLATHEAD	Fernie Field Gray Creek Kicking Horse Marble Canyon New Fernie Sinclair Pass Sullivan Mine	3500 4200 5100 5400 5000 4100 4500 5100	1/31 1/31 1/28 1/31 1/27 1/31 1/27 1/30	23 22 40 35 37 40 18 35	5.5 7.6 12.8 10.3 8.5 9.1 4.3 9.4	7.0 7.2 12.3 9.4 6.3 8.7 5.5	7.3 4.5 12.5* 10.9* 11.3* 11.2* 4.7* 9.7*	15 15 9 11 10 7 10 12					
PLAIREAD	DASIN		1				The state of the s						
13B14A 13A2M Can. 10 13B13A 13A5M Can. 10A 13B2 13A12M 14B1 13B11	Basin Creek Desert Mountain Fernie Holbrook Marias Pass New Fernie Spotted Bear Mt. Trout Lake TV Mountain Twin Creeks	5000 5600 3500 4530 5250 4100 7000 3600 6800 3580	1/28 1/27 1/31 1/28 1/31 1/31 2/1 1/27 1/31	15 25 23 16 36 40 39 21 26 27	3.8 6.8 5.5 4.8 8.8 9.1 8.4 5.3 6.7	3.5 12.4 7.0 7.5 10.7 8.7 11.0 10.8 8.9 8.9	7.3* 11.2* 7.3 7.6* 13.0 11.2* - 11.5*	7 8 15 7 15 7 - 5 - 7					
CLARK FOR	K BASIN												
12C5 13B10 15C2 13C4 15B2 13C8 12D1 13C5 13C7 13C6 13C1 12C2 12C3 12C4 14B1	Chessman Res. Coyote Hill Fish Lake Airstrip Intergaard Lookout Lubrecht For. #6 Pipestone Pass Southern Cross Storm Lake Stuart Mill Stuart Mountain Tenmile, Lower Tenmile, Middle Tenmile, Upper TV Mountain	6200 4200 5000 6450 5250 4040 7200 6500 7780 6500 7400 6250 6800 8000 6800	1/27 1/31 1/28 2/1 1/31 2/1 1/30 2/1 1/27 2/1 1/29 1/29 1/28 1/28 1/27	4 28 61 18 75 10 11 13 26 15 46 15 18 20 26	0.8 5.0 17.8 3.9 19.8 2.0 2.8 2.5 7.0 3.3 13.6 2.9 4.1 4.7 6.1	3.0 6.6 17.2 16.7 2.6 3.6 3.7 4.2 6.6 7 8.9	3.4 7.6 25.6 25.6 3.4 2.1 4.4 1.4 7.9 7.9	15 10 6 13 15 6 14 13 5 13 - 15 15					
BITTERROO	T BASIN			ŀ									
13D2 13D16	Gibbons Pass Moose Creek	7100 6200	1/30 1/30	41 31	11.4 7.6	9.8 8.0	16.4* 10.7*	14 9					

<sup>\*</sup>Average for years of record shown in 1943-57 base period.



# AVAILABLE SOIL MOISTURE as of February 1, 1961

Drainage Basin and Station	Station No.	Elev.	Soil Print In In Depth	rofile ches Cap.	Date	in In	Moistu ches A 1960	bout 2	2/1/61	Y r s
GALLATIN College Site	11D2M	4856	54	14.5	2/3	7.1	10.6	8.7	8,1	4
MADISON Red Bluff	11D4M	4800	40	3.6E	2/1	1.5	1		Accept to the second se	_
SHIELDS Battle Ridge Shields River	10D11M 10C4M	6020 5850	48 48	13.3 15.9	2/1 2/1	10.7				-
FLATHEAD Desert Mountain Marias Pass Spotted Bear R.S. Trout Lake	13A2M 13A5M 13B15M 13A12M	6370 5250 3700 3600	54 54 28 54	6.8 8.4 5.9 11.8	1/27 1/24 2/1 2/1	6.1 5.1 4.3 12.6	8.4 6.4 5.2 12.3	7.9 6.3 4.9 12.4	5.8 4.7	4644

# AVAILABLE SOIL MOISTURE as of October 1, 1960

			1			1960	1959	1958	Avg.	'
GALLATIN College Site	11D2M	48 <b>5</b> 6	54	14.5	9.30	5.8	8.6	6.8	5.8	4
MADISON Red Bluff	11D4M	4800	40	3.6E	New St	ation				The same of the sa
SHIELDS Battle Ridge Shields River	10D11M 10C4M	6020 5850	48 48	13.3 15.9	10/3 10/3	10.6	_	_	-	-
FLATHEAD Desert Mountain Marias Pass Spotted Bear R.S. Trout Lake	13A2M 13A5M 13B15M 13A12M	6370 5250 3700 3600	54 54 28 54	6.8 8.4 5.9 11.8	9/23 9/26 9/23 9/23	4.5 3.2 0.6 6.9	7.2 5.6 4.3 9.8	5.9 4.5 3.7 10.5	5.5 4.7 3.1 7.9	4644



#### STATUS OF RESERVOIR STORAGE

February 1, 1961

& STREAM  COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN	RESERVOIR	CAPACITY 1000 A.F.	30/3		1943-57	Years
COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN			1961	1960	Average	Record Used
	- MONTANA					
S. Fk. Flathead Flathead River Flathead River 4/ Flathead River 5/	Georgetown Lk. Hungry Horse Flathead Lake Camas Res. Mission Valley Noxon	31.0 3428.0 1791.0 45.2 100.3 200.1	25.0 3416.0 1008.0 22.5 28.1 177.1	28.6 3281.0 1324.0 34.2 50.8 192.4	24.0 2420.0** 991.3 23.6 31.6	15 15 15 15
MISSOURI RIVER BASIN	- MONTANA					
Madison River Madison River Hyalite Creek Missouri River	Lima Hebgen Lake Ennis Lake Middle Creek Canyon Ferry	84.0 345.0 41.0 8.0 2043.0	9.9 125.8 39.3 -	24.7 36.2 39.2 3.9 1773.0	32.7 223.3 35.7 3.3** 1412.0**	15 15 15 7 5
Missouri River Missouri River N. Fk. Sun River N. Fk. Sun River N. Fk. Sun River Marias River Birch Creek Dupuyer & Birch Judith River Missouri River Milk River Milk River	Hauser & Helena Lakes Lake Helena Holter Lake Gibson Willow Creek Pishkun Tiber Swift Lake Francis Ackley Lake Ft. Peck 3/ Fresno Nelson Mystic Lake	61.9 10.4 81.9 105.0 32.3 32.0 1316.0 30.0 112.0 5.8 19410.0 127.2 66.8 20.8	52.9 11.3 40.1 34.3 14.4 17.0 625.5 12.6 77.8 11410.0 27.5 41.8 11.8	43.6 4.5 45.2 67.5 14.1 21.9 630.1 25.4 96.1 4.2 11020.0 82.5 50.2 9.7	48.8 7.1** 62.1 59.7 18.7 18.9 - 20.9 94.5 4.2 11027.0 64.0 35.6 11.3	15 13 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15

<sup>\*\*</sup> Average for years of record shown in 1943-57 base period.

Reservoirs are operated by the Indian Irrigation Service.

<sup>3/</sup> Gross contents; usable capacity less 617.0 A.F.; minimum power pool 4,500 A.F. 4/ Camas Reservoirs are shown as a sum of four (4) small reservoirs on the West

side of Flathead Lake located on Dry Creek and Little Bitterroot River. 5/ Mission Valley Reservoirs are shown as a sum of eight (8) small reservoirs located south and east of Flathead Lake. Both Camas and Mission Valley



#### STATUS OF RESERVOIR STORAGE

### February 1, 1961

BASIN		USABLE	USABLE S'	TORAGE - ]	LOOO ACRE FE	2.0
& STREAM	RESERVOIR	CAPACITY 1000 A.F.	1961	1960	1943-57 Average	Years Record Used
MISSOURI RIVER B	ASIN - WYOMING					diameter and the second
Shoshone River Wind River Wind River Bull Creek Belle Fourche	Buffalo Bill Boysen Pilot Butte Bull Lake Key Hole	440.0 560.0AC 31.6 152.0 190.0AC	127.0 88.7 10.4 57.7 3.3	141.4 159.8 10.5 39.5 0.1	244.6 276.4** 11.2 70.7 10.2**	15 5 15 15 5
MISSOURI RIVER B	ASIN - NORTH DAKOTA	<b>.</b>		1	1	
Heart River Heart River Missouri River James River	Lake Tschida E. A. Patterson Garrison Lake Jamestown	68.7AC 5.6AC 18100.0AC 220.0AC	48.9 3.5 5408.1 15.8	44.3 3.8 3820.5 8.2	51.8** 3.7** -	7 6 -
MISSOURI RIVER B	ASIN - SOUTH DAKOTA	:	l	ì	ì	
Belle Fourche Cheyenne River Cheyenne River Grand River Missouri River Missouri River Missouri River Cheyenne River	Belle Fourche Angostura Deerfield Shadehill Ft. Randall Gavins Point Oahe Pactola	185.2AC 90.0AC 15.1AC 84.0AC 3800.0AC 320.0AC 17000.0AC 55.0AC	22.5 2.3 2.3 51.2 2390.0 242.0 1043.0T 15.9	27.6 17.5 1.0 69.7 2471.5 326.7 345.0T 23.8	92.0 43.2** 12.6** 76.0**	15 6 10 5 -

<sup>\*\*</sup> Average for years of record shown in 1943-57 base period.
AC Active Capacity - USBR Billings.
T Total Storage.



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